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编者的话

英语学科高考试题的命题已经将考查重点从语言知识转向语用能力,这个转变是命题思想务实和成熟的标志。我们讲,学外语主要是为了应用外语。那么,怎么去应用外语呢?可以肯定地说,绝大多数的英语学习者将来既不会经常需要用外语与外国人进行口头交流,更不可能专门去从事口译工作,主要地还是为了从那些用外文写的书、报刊、资料中获取所需要的信息。而这种获取信息的过程便是阅读理解外文的过程。也正因为这一点,英语学科高考试题的命题对“阅读理解”这一项比以往更加重视了,不仅题量增多,难度增大,而且分值也提高了。与此同时,就二〇〇一年的高考成绩来看,阅读理解的得分率却难以令人满意。有关调查统计数据表明,此项的平均得分率也就在 50% 上下徘徊。一些考生惊呼:阅读理解题太难了!

通过对二〇〇一年全国高考英语试题中“阅读理解”题的反复研究,我们认为,根本的问题不是试题太难,而是考生本身在应对高考试题的转变方面准备不足。这些不足主要表现为:1. 思想上准备不足。不少考生平时对“阅读理解”训练在认识上就存在偏差。相当一部分考生认为把时间花在“阅读理解”训练上不值得,错误地认为只要记得住单词、看得懂语法结构,就能基本上保证答题的 80% 的正确率。这显然是战略上的过分轻“敌”。兵家克敌制胜之道,便是“不打无准备之仗”。如此轻“敌”,怎能胜算? 2. 行动上准备不足。有些考生在考前虽然也做了一些阅读理解方面的训练,但是在训练的过程中却暴露了一些不足,如阅读理解训练的量不够多,阅读材料本身的难度不够适中,阅读材料的体裁不够全面,阅读理解材料的题材不够广泛。3. 解题技巧、方法上缺乏指导。有些考生在考前做了大量阅读理解训练,但是在做题的过程中不善于进行分析和总结,又缺乏解题技巧、方法上的必要指导,更没有进行限时阅读训练,因此到了高考解题时面对语境应用、综合分析、逻辑推理的试题,往往感到模棱两可、似是而非、真伪难辨,而且费时过多,甚至占用了本该花在解答其他试题的时间。

有鉴于此,为切实帮助即将参加高考的学生迅速提高英语阅读理解能力,我们编写了这本《高考英语阅读理解训练及解析》。这本书是“备战中考高考英语丛书”中的一本重要的单项训练分册。本书中的阅读理解文章的题材多样,涉及到农业、工业、科技、军事、经济、教育、文化、医疗卫生、体育、人口、环境、历史、地理、交通、通讯、风土人情、人文轶事等,有些题材还极具有时代感,如举世瞩目的“9·11 事件”、国人普遍关注的“北京申奥成功”和“中国加入 WTO”及“中国足球冲出亚洲”等热门话题都收入了本书,并且兼顾了高考命题中可能会出现的各种体裁。本书不仅给出了各篇练习的参考答案,而且对一些难度较大的习题还在“难题解析”中给予了较为详尽的解答与指导。这些解答与指导实际上具有解题策略与技巧的功能,这也是全书的重点。我们希望,这么做能对正在复习迎考的考生有所启发和帮助。同时,我们还建议考生能养成良好的阅读习惯,坚持每天做一、二篇阅读理解练习,加强限时阅读训练。我们坚信,苍天不负苦心人。

扬州外国语学校美术教研组殷红菱老师为本书清绘了插图。特此鸣谢。

我们本着对考生高度负责的态度编写了本书。但是,由于水平有限,难免挂一漏万,偏颇之处,尚请读者批评指正。

龚海平

二〇〇二年一月

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一、高考英语阅读理解训练 130 篇

训练(一)

In order to know a foreign language thoroughly, four things are necessary. Firstly, we must be able to understand the language when we hear it spoken. Secondly, we must be able to speak it ourselves correctly. Thirdly, we must be able to read the language and fourthly, we must be able to write it. We must be able to make sentences that are grammatically correct. We must know how to use sentences in paragraphs, so as to write a good letter or composition.

There is no easy way to success in language learning. A good memory is a great help, but it is not enough to remember rules from a grammar book. It is not much use learning by heart a long list of words and their meanings. We must learn by using the language. "Learn through use" is a good piece of advice for those who are studying a new language. Practice is very important. We must practice speaking and writing the language whenever we can.

根据阅读材料,选择正确答案。

- () 1. The best topic for this passage should be ____ .
A. How to Learn a Foreign Language
B. Four Things are Necessary in Learning a Foreign Language
C. Practice is Very Important
D. Foreign Languages are Important
- () 2. The word "thoroughly" here probably means ____ .
A. usefully B. good C. well D. completely
- () 3. The writer advises us ____ .
A. to read more B. to speak more
C. to speak and write more D. to use a dictionary
- () 4. The first step in learning a language is ____ .
A. reading B. speaking C. writing D. hearing
- () 5. Words should be learned ____ .
A. in a dictionary B. in a textbook
C. in a sentence D. in a good grammar book

训练(二)

Mrs Gibb's husband died about fifteen years ago and to help get over his death she decided to go abroad. She went to the Far East for six months, found she liked travelling and so planned to travel more on her own.

During the winter of 1976 she bought a small car. Next summer she set off for Australia, where she stayed for two years. She went to America for the first time five years ago, and is going back this year. She plans to travel round Canada and America for the next eighteen months.

She says she has only been frightened once—seven years ago someone broke into her car and stole some papers...

根据阅读材料,选择正确答案。

- () 1. Mrs Gibb went to the Far East to _____.
A. enjoy herself by travelling
B. rid herself of the sadness of losing her husband
C. forget her husband's death
D. travel more on her own
- () 2. Mrs Gibb planned to travel more _____.
A. selfless B. lonely C. of her own D. alone
- () 3. From the passage, we can know that Mrs Gibb left Australia in _____.
A. 1979 B. 1977 C. 1978 D. 1976
- () 4. Choose the right order of the events given in the passage.
a. She left for Australia next summer.
b. She went to the Far East for Six months.
c. In 1976 she bought a car.
d. Mrs Gibb's husband died about 15 years ago.
A. b, a, c, d B. d, b, c, a C. d, c, a, b D. d, b, a, c
- () 5. During her travel, Mrs Gibb has only been frightened _____.
A. a moment B. for one day C. a time D. for one month

训练(三)

Tom and Mike like climbing mountains. They like ice climbing, skiing, mountain biking, and other exciting sports. But these sports all need equipment, and the equipment is expensive. They also like to travel to foreign countries, and these trips are expensive. It isn't easy to get the time and money to go on adventures, but they find ways to get these things. They always do what they want to do.

For example, Tom and Mike are very good at sports. They are excellent skiers. One day, a ski company asks Tom to test some of their new equipment. They give him ski equipment and clothes to test. Tom doesn't have to pay for these things. This saves him money. Because Tom and Mike are twins, they can both use the clothes and equipment. This is another way they can save money. But how do they find the time?

Tom and Mike each have jobs, but the jobs are not their careers(职业). They put up walls in new buildings. Tom and Mike work together all day. It is a hard job, but the pay is good.

Sometimes they get tired of working together. It isn't easy working with a brother, but they have a reason for working. They must save money for an adventure. When they save enough money, Tom and Mike leave their jobs. They will find new jobs when they come back.

根据阅读材料,选择正确答案。

- () 1. Tom and Mike are interested in ____ .
A. all kinds of climbing B. traveling
C. exciting sports D. adventures
- () 2. What do Tom and Mike need most for their interests?
A. Clothes. B. Expensive equipment.
C. Jobs. D. Time and Money.
- () 3. By working for a ski company, Tom ____ .
A. gets a lot of money B. gets some free clothes and equipment
C. saves a lot of time D. becomes experienced in testing things
- () 4. Tom and Mike put up walls in new buildings all day ____ .
A. to support the family B. to do what they want to do
C. to get fun D. to save time
- () 5. Sometimes Tom and Mike stop working because ____ .
A. they have enough money for an adventure
B. they are tired of working together
C. they need some rest
D. they want to find new jobs

训练(四)

It was very hot in the small courtroom and everybody was feeling sleepy. After a tiring morning the officials were anxious to get off to lunch and even the judge must have taken a good rest when the last case was tried. A short, middle-aged man with gray hair and small blue eyes was now standing before him. The man had a foolish expression on his face and he kept looking around as if he was trying hard to understand what was going on.

The man was charged(指控) with breaking into a house and stealing a cheap watch. The woman who had seen the man stealing something did not give a very clear picture of what had happened. She seemed to have seen a man outside the house one night, but on being questioned further, she said that she was not sure whether this was the man. The judge considered the matter for a short time and then announced that as there was no real proof, the man was set free. He said that he refused to consider the case, then rose to go. At the same time, the man looked very foolish. It was clear that he had not understood a thing. Noticing this, the judge paused for a moment and then the man said suddenly, "Excuse me, sir, but do I have to give the watch back or not?"

根据阅读材料,选择正确答案。

- () 1. The word "courtroom" means ____ .
A. prison B. a room where law-cases are held
C. wood house D. a room for studying law
- () 2. Why did the judge want to take a good rest when the middle-aged man was brought before him?

- A. Because that was the last case he had to try on the hot tiring morning.
B. Because that was the last case he had to try before he stopped working at the age of 60.
C. Because that was the simplest case he had to try that morning.
D. Because that man was not so dangerous as the other criminals(罪犯).
- ()3. The man was dismissed because _____.
A. the man was mad
B. there was lack of proof
C. the judge had noticed everybody was sleepy
D. it was time for the judge to get off to lunch
- ()4. What did the man prove to be?
A. A cruel murderer.
B. A hardened thief.
C. A merciless robber.
D. A man who did wrong once in a while.
- ()5. Which of the following words best describes the man?
A. Foolish. B. Honest. C. Dishonest. D. Unfriendly.

Suppose you are reading a book. Suppose, too, you suddenly close your eyes. Can you still see the book? "Of course not," you will say. But can you tell why? You would probably say, "When I close my eyes, my eyesight cannot get out of my eyes to get to the book." But this explanation is wrong.

When you look at a book, it sends to your eyes some of the light which falls on it, and you see the book. If light could be kept out from where you are so that there would be no light for the book to reflect, then you could not see the book even with your eyes wide open.

根据阅读材料,选择正确答案。

- () 1. You can not see the book when you close your eyes, because ____.
- A. your eyes are too close to it
- B. closed eyes are out of sight
- C. your eyesight cannot get to it
- D. the light from it cannot get into your eyes
- () 2. The word "luminous" means ____.
- A. visible B. lighted C. giving off light D. sunlight

- () 3. ____ have light of their own.
 A. The sun and the moon B. The stars and the earth
 C. The sun and the stars D. The moon and the earth
- () 4. Light travels about ____ kilometres per second.
 A. 380,000 B. 300,000 C. 400,000 D. 190,000
- () 5. Which one is true?
 A. All the things you can see give off light.
 B. Light from the book is much shorter than that from the moon.
 C. The moment you open your eyes the light from the book travels to your eyes.
 D. Light travels so fast that there is no time for you to read.

训练(六)

"How is it," asked the Englishman of an American friend, "that you Yanks get on so well in business? What's the secret of your success?"

"Brains, old chap(朋友), brains!" was the reply. "You should eat more fish. Give me ten dollars and I'll get you some of the same wonderful fish that my wife buys for me. Eat it and you'll begin to catch on too."

The Englishman gave away the dollars, and the fish was sent to him. The next day he met the Yank again.

"How did you like my fish?" the American asked.

"Oh, it was a splendid fish."

"Do you feel different in any way?"

"No, I can't say I do, but I've been thinking, old chap, wasn't ten dollars a jelly stiff price for only one fish?"

"There you are!" replied the Yank. "Your brain is beginning to work already."

根据阅读材料,选择正确答案。

- () 1. "Yank" means ____.
 A. an Englishman B. an American citizen
 C. a salesman D. a fisherman
- () 2. According to the passage, Americans get on better in business than Englishman, because ____.
 A. Americans like eating fish
 B. Englishmen seldom eat fish
 C. Americans are good at using their heads
 D. Englishmen have more money
- () 3. "You'll begin to catch on" means "____".
 A. You'll begin to get on catching more fish
 B. You'll begin to get on well in business
 C. You'll have more money

- D. You'll begin to understand
- () 4. "A jelly stiff price" means "_____."
- A. a very high price B. a very low price
- C. an air price D. a wrong price
- () 5. Though he ate a splendid fish, the Englishman thought that _____.
- A. it was worth eating
- B. it cost him too much
- C. he would become much cleverer
- D. he had been fooled by the Yank

训练(七)

In cold countries, many trees drop or shed their leaves each autumn. This shedding is a survival technique that helps trees live through the cold winter. Trees need water to live. In winter, much of the water in the soil turns to ice, which the trees cannot draw up through their stem cells. Since the leaves need more water than most other parts of the tree, by shedding them the tree uses much less water.

Trees such as the pine tree, however, do not shed their leaves in winter. This is because they have narrow leaves like needles. These have a very small surface area and do not lose much water through evaporation. Other trees may have leaves which are covered with an oily layer. This acts like a film of plastic and keeps the water in, so these trees do not have to shed their leaves, either.

根据阅读材料,选择正确答案。

- () 1. In cold countries, many trees shed their leaves _____.
- A. in winter B. in autumn C. in December D. in very cold winter
- () 2. In order to _____, many trees need to shed their leaves.
- A. get more water B. draw up water
- C. have narrow leaves D. live through the cold winter
- () 3. Many trees shed their leaves because _____.
- A. their leaves need more water than most other parts
- B. the water in the soil turns to ice
- C. they cannot draw up water through their stem cells
- D. the weather turns to cold
- () 4. Since _____, the pine tree does not need to shed its leaves.
- A. its leaves are like needles
- B. its leaves do not lose much water
- C. it grows in cold weather
- D. it takes a very small area
- () 5. Other trees in cold countries do not shed their leaves because _____.
- A. they are special kinds of trees
- B. their leaves are covered with plastic

- C. their leaves are oily
- D. their leaves can keep the water in

训练(八)

Physical fitness can help you to live longer, feel healthier and settle life's problems better. Various activities can help you to keep fit: from running marathons to climbing mountains to lifting weights. For the ordinary non-sporting person without much time to spare, activities like these are not very practical and, to be honest, they are a waste of time. It is much better in my opinion to spend more than half an hour every other day in doing exercises. The important thing is to form such a habit so that you don't say to yourself, "I won't take the trouble today." or "I'll do it later." If you haven't got the will to form a habit like this, a sport like tennis might suit you better. The person who takes part in the game with you will help you to remember to play often and you'll be able to get your exercise outdoors, too.

Another good way of keeping fit is jogging(慢跑). The important thing here is to build up slowly and not to overdo it—otherwise you may give yourself a heart-attack on your first run. It's best to keep away from roads so as not to breathe in the strong smelling smoke of the traffic instead of fresh air and in case you get run over.

Doing exercise can take up your time but the feeling of being healthy makes up for the few minutes a day it takes. We should always keep in mind that health is better than wealth and no medicine is as good as sport.

根据阅读材料,选择正确答案。

- () 1. In the writer's opinion, _____.
 - A. a few minutes exercise every other day will help you keep fit
 - B. you should run away from the roads to take in fresh air
 - C. having a good habit is most important in physical fitness
 - D. nothing is better than sports in treating heart-trouble
- () 2. According to this passage, tennis has the advantage that _____.
 - A. there is no danger of car accident
 - B. it takes up only half an hour a day
 - C. the person who takes part in it with you will make you play often
 - D. it helps you to form a habit easily
- () 3. The writer tells us that while jogging, we should _____.
 - A. keep in mind to breathe slowly
 - B. do it together with someone else
 - C. do it according to our ability
 - D. increase it step by step
- () 4. Which is not true according to the passage?
 - A. Jogging sometimes causes heart-trouble.
 - B. Running marathons is not practical for many people.

- C. Tennis is a kind of outdoor sport.
 D. In doing sports, we should know some rules.
 () 5. The best title for this passage is _____.
 A. The Best Sport—Jogging
 B. Indoor Sports and Outdoor Sports
 C. Things to Remember in Physical Training
 D. Join in Sports Activities

训练(九)

The words you always have are in the areas of your knowledge and your interest. So, the most natural way to increase your vocabulary(词汇量) is by learning something new, something more, perhaps from observation or conversation or from reading a magazine or a textbook. The easiest way to increase your vocabulary is by learning groups of words from new experience. In learning to drive a car, you pick up a number of new words. New words come from every experience, from every sport, every book. To make these new words your own, you must know what they stand for, explain to someone what you have just learned, talk it over with somebody else who is interested in it, try to teach it to someone who knows nothing about it, or write about it. In this way you will learn thousands of new words. The words would come more easily when you want to use them in your speaking and writing. 根据阅读材料,选择正确答案。

- () 1. The writer does not say directly increasing our vocabulary by _____.
 A. understanding useful words we find in our reading
 B. using new words in our conversation
 C. trying to teach something we've just learned
 D. spending half an hour on the study of the dictionary
 () 2. According to the writer, the easiest way to increase our vocabulary is by _____.
 A. trying to write our feelings
 B. making a careful study of the dictionary
 C. learning groups of words from new experience
 D. thinking out very carefully what you want to say
 () 3. Why does the writer talk about learning to drive a car? Because _____.
 A. he regards the good habit of driving as the good habit of vocabulary building
 B. he wants to explain how to learn the words you need when you want to drive a car
 C. he wants to show that it is as easy to learn new words as it is to drive a car
 D. he wants to give an example of an experience which causes us to pick up new words
 () 4. According to the passage, the effective way to make the new words your own is to _____.
 A. read them again and again
 B. explain to someone what you have learned
 C. make us many sentences as possible
 D. make a careful study of the dictionary